

REMARKS

The Office action December 19, 2008, has been fully considered. In response, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

First, Applicants appreciate the thoughtful examination of the application, including the Office determining that claims 15-51 were allowed; and that claims 1-14 would be allowable after overcoming the § 101 Bilski issues. As such, Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1 and 10 to tie the method claims to the machine statutory category under 35 USC § 101. Examples of such a particular machine include, but are not limited to, those illustrated in FIGs. 1A, 1B and 6A and described at least on pages 12-14 and 22-23 of the original disclosure. For at least this reason, Applicants believe that all of claims 1-14 recite patentable subject matter, and respectfully request the Office withdraw all rejections, and allow all claims.

ADDITIONALLY, the Office apparently "lost" an electronic IDS properly filed with the USPTO on May 7, 2006, as a copy of the 1449 was not return to Applicants with the outstanding Office action, and Applicants could not locate it in the electronic Image File Wrapper of the present application. Applicants have resubmitted this IDS on September 22, 2008. Applicants respectfully request the Office consider the one cited reference, and indicate such on the record of the present application.

Final Remarks. In view of the above remarks and for at least the reasons presented herein, all pending claims are believed to be allowable over all prior art of record, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Office is respectfully requested to issue a timely Notice of allowance in this case. Applicant requests any and all rejections and/or objections be withdrawn. If, in the opinion of the Office, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney, as Applicants are open to discussing, considering, and resolving issues.

Applicants request a one-month extension of time is required. Should a different extension of time be deemed appropriate, Applicants hereby petition for such deemed extension of time. Applicants further authorize the charging of Deposit Account No. 501430 for any fees that may be due in connection with this paper (e.g., claim fees, extension of time fees) as required in addition to the payment made herewith using EFS-Web.

Respectfully submitted,
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